

DRAFT DAC RESOLUTION for 9-24-15

Resolved,

Whereas, the Board of Education recognizes that in an increasingly competitive and uncertain world it is critical that students graduate from Jefferson County schools ready for college and careers;

Whereas, the Board of Education has concluded that the percentage of students meeting the college and career ready standards on the ACT test taken by all students in Colorado is not acceptable;

Whereas, Jefferson County Schools is in the process of implementing a new strategy, which will require considerable support to District management from the members of the District's Strategic Planning Advisory Council, which was originally established for this purpose;

Whereas, in 2009 the state of Colorado established District Accountability Committees to advise boards of education (in coordination with School Accountability Committees) on issues related to improved achievement, including the annual diagnosis of root causes, formulation of major improvement initiatives, alignment of budgets with these initiatives, and related matters, which together require the investment of a considerable amount of time and effort by dedicated volunteers;

Whereas, it is clear that District management requires sound advice from the Strategic Planning Advisory Council, and the Board of Education requires sound advice from the District Accountability Committee;

Whereas, a subcommittee of the Strategic Planning Advisory Council has recommended the separation of the Strategic Planning Advisory Council from the District Accountability Committee;

Be it therefore Resolved that a new District Accountability Committee will be established, comprised of members as described in state law (C.R.S. 22-11-301);

Be it further Resolved, that the Board of Education shall appoint members to the District Accountability Committee for a term of two years, and shall direct the administration to solicit for Board review no later than October 1, applications from members of the public who meet the requirements for membership under state law;

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Be it further Resolved, the Board of Education shall vote to appoint eleven members, which shall include parents, at least one member of the business community, and at least one and up to three teachers to the District Accountability Committee, which also shall have as members one School Accountability Committee president from each of the 17 parent articulation areas, and the Superintendent of the District;

Be it further Resolved, that given the urgency of the need to improve student achievement results, as well as the need to meet the timetable for the delivery of District Accountability Committee outputs that is set by the state, the appointment of new members of the District Accountability Committee will take place at the October 15 meeting of the Board of Education;

Be it further Resolved, that in accordance with state law, the members of the District Accountability Committee shall select from among the parent members a member to serve as Chair of the District Accountability Committee;

Be it further Resolved that, in addition to the documents required by state law, each year, by no later than June 30th, the District Accountability Committee shall deliver to the Board of Education a report on the percentage of students who are college and career ready, how Jefferson County compares to other districts in this area, critical obstacles hindering more rapid improvement of student achievement results, and recommendations for what should be done to overcome those obstacles.